

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-26 and add the following new claims.

27. (New) A candle, comprising:

a transparent gel wax and at least one wick in contact with the gel wax wherein the melting point of the at least one wick is higher than that of the gel wax,

an inlay disposed within the gel wax wherein the inlay is designed as a printed film, wherein the melting point of the printed film is in a range in which the printed film melts with the gel wax as the wick of the candle burns down.

28. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 27, wherein the printed film is composed of a polypropylene, a polyethylene or a correspondingly suitable plastic.

29. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 27, wherein the inlay is produced from a cellulose impregnated, coated or printed with additives.

30. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 29, wherein the printed film or the printing inks are transparent.

31. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 27, wherein the film is arranged adjacent and parallel to the wick in the gel wax.

32. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 27, wherein the printed film is fixed adjacent and in parallel between two wicks in the gel wax.

33. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 27, wherein the printed film is arranged in the gel wax in the form of a three-dimensional body that surrounds the wick with a clearance.

34. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 33, wherein the printed film is in the form of a hollow cylinder or a rosette.

35. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 30, wherein the printed film assumes the form of a helix together with two associated wicks within the gel wax.

36. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 27, wherein the printed film is perforated.

37. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 27, further including a container provided with a structure on the inside or outside.

38. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 27, wherein the inlay is a prismatic or specially shaped body, wherein the melting point of the body is in a range in which the body melts with the gel wax as the candle burns down.

39. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 38, wherein the material of the body is a polypropylene, a polyethylene, a correspondingly suitable plastic or a wax, or a gel wax.

40. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 27, wherein the inlay is arranged as a body that will not burn down in the vicinity of a surface of the candle, surrounding the wick with a clearance over a certain area, wherein the body has a height that corresponds approximately to the depth of a pool of wax present when the candle is burning.

41. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 31, wherein the body has facets on an outer surface.

42. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 40, wherein the body is designed as a perforated disk or as a prism wherein, as the candle burns, the body rests on a base of the pool of liquefied wax which is then present.

43. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 42, wherein the body is in the form of a prism or of a perforated disk of glass or a suitable plastic.

44. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 40, wherein the body is printed with printing inks.

45. (New) The candle as claimed in claim 27, wherein the wick is colored.

46. (New) Method for producing a candle comprised of a transparent container, which contains a transparent gel wax, at least one wick and at least one inlay, comprising the steps of:

introducing a certain quantity of the heated gel wax into a negative mold of a region of the container,
placing an inlay on the gel wax,
placing a wick in an aligned manner on or in the inlay,
filling the negative mold with gel wax,
removing the negative mold and inserting the gel wax block into a container, and
filling the remaining free space with gel wax.

47. (New) Method as claimed in claim 46, further including the step of:
inserting a plurality of gel wax blocks into the container and filling the remaining free space with gel wax.

48. (New) Method as claimed in claim 46, further including the step of:
encapsulating a film with printing inks as an inlay in the gel wax block, wherein the melting points being in a range in which the printed film melts with the gel wax as the candle burns down.